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SUBJ: NEWLY ELECTED NSW PREMIER LEWIS ANNOUNCES CABINET

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1. TOM LEWIS WAS SWORN IN AS PREMIER OF THE STATE OF NEW SOUTH WALES ON FRIDAY, JANUARY 3, 1975, UPON THE CONTEMPLATED RESIGNATION OF TEN-YEAR PREMIER SIR ROBERT ASKIN.

2. MR. LEWIS ANNOUNCED MEMBERS OF HIS STATE CABINET WOULD BE AS FOLLOWS:

PREMIER & TREASURER: T.L. LEWIS, LIBERAL

DEPUTY PREMIER & MINISTER FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

& TOURISM: SIR CHARLES CUTLER, COUNTRY PARTY

ATTORNEY GENERAL & MINISTER OF JUSTICE: J.C. MADDISON, LIBERAL

MINISTER FOR PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT &

V.P. OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL: SIR JOHN FULLER, COUNTRY PTY

MINISTER FOR PUBLIC WORKS & PORTS: L.A. PUNCH, COUNTRY PARTY

MINISTER FOR EDUCATION: E.A. WILLIS, LIBERAL

MINISTER FOR LABOUR, INDUSTRY & CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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& MINISTER FOR FEDERAL AFFAIRS: F.M. HEWITT, LIBERAL

MINISTER FOR LANDS & FORESTS: M. MORRIS, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE: G.R. CRAWFORD, COUNTRY PARTY
MINISTER FOR TRANSPORT & HIGHWAYS: W.C. FIFTE, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR POLICE & SERVICES: J.L. WADDY, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR MINES & ENERGY: G.F. FRUEDENSTEIN, COUNTRY PARTY
MINISTER FOR DECENTRALIZATION &
DEVELOPMENT: J.C. BRUXNER, COUNTRY PARTY
MINISTER FOR HOUSING & CO-OPERATIVE
SOCIETIES: L.F. MCGINTY, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR HEALTH: R.O. HEALEY, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR REVENUE & ASST. TREASURER: M.S. RUDDOCK, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR YOUTH, ETHNIC & COMMUNITY
AFFAIRS: S.G. MAUGER, LIBERAL
MINISTER FOR CULTURE, SPORT &
RECREATION: L.J.F. BARRACLOUGH, LIBERAL
PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE PREMIER: JOHN MASON, LIBERAL

3. THERE ARE THREE NEW MEMBERS IN THE LEWIS CABINET, THE
REST BEING HOLD-OVERS FROM THE PREVIOUS ASKIN ADMINISTRATION:
M.S. RUDDOCK, S.G. MAUGER, & L.J.F. BARRACLOUGH. ASKIN
DID NOT DESIRE TO BE IN THE LEWIS CABINET, FORMER ATTORNEY
GENERAL SIR KENNETH MCCAWE RETIRED FROM PARLIAMENT, AND IAN
GRIFFITH WAS DROPPED FROM CABINET AND HIS CHIEF SECRETARY
POSITION ABOLISHED.

4. BARRACLOUGH AND MASON WERE BOTH CHIEF PROMOTERS OF LEWIS
FOR PREMIER. MAUGER WAS FORMERLY GOVERNMENT WHIP IN THE
PARLIAMENT. RUDDOCK'S APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER FOR REVENUE
AND ASSISTANT TREASURER WAS THE ONLY SURPRISE APPOINTMENT
AND SPECULATION HAS AVERRED LEWIS OWED A DEBT TO RUDDOCK FOR
HIS SUPPORT IN THE LEADERSHIP ELECTION.

5. THE CHANGES IN CABINET BY LEWIS ARE SEEN AS MODEST ONES
WITH THE NET EFFECT OF THREE NEW FACES AND SIX OTHER
MINISTERS RECEIVING NEW PORTFOLIOS. WHILE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS
ARE HEARDING THE NEW PREMIER AND HIS CABINET AS WIELDING A
NEW BROOM, THERE IS LITTLE INDICATION WHAT POLICY AND ADMIN-
ISTRATIVE CHANGES WILL OCCUR. MOST ATTENTION THIS YEAR WILL
BE FOCUSED ON THE PERSONAL STYLE OF LEWIS HIMSELF WHO WILL BE
ON TRIAL UNTIL THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTION WHICH MUST BE HELD
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